

## **EBAA Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**



EBAA - the voice for business aviation in Europe - ensures global recognition of business aviation as a vital part of the Air Transportation infrastructure and as an important tool for Europe's economic development. A founding member of the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC), through which members' interests are represented at the International Civil Aviation Authority (ICAO), the Association confers with different international and European bodies in order to achieve a level playing field for all operators within the business aviation industry.

EBAA's foundations were laid in 1977 when the Philips Group, corporate operators, came up with the idea to create an association that would be capable of representing business aviation at all European institutions. This idea was made concrete with the founding by Dr. Ir. F.J. Philips of the International Business Aviation Association (Europe), which comprised 12 founding members. Following its strategic move to Brussels in 1984, the Association became known as the EBAA (European Business Aviation Association).

Today, EBAA counts more than 530 members from across the industry, comprising Corporate Operators, Commercial Operators, Manufacturers, Airports and FBOs, and business aviation Service Providers. The action of the Association covers regional and international regulations, and deals with challenging issues such as the Single European Sky, environmental issues including Emission Trading, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) rulemaking process, Security, and Access to Airports and Airspace.

Other European aviation associations encompassed by the EBAA include: BBGA (British & General Aviation Association), EBAA France, EBAA Switzerland, GBAA (German Business Aviation Association), IBAA (Italian Business Aviation Association), MBAA (Malta Business Aviation Association), NAOA (Norwegian Aircraft Operators Association) and RUBAA (Russian United Business Aviation Association).

Membership of AESAVE (Spanish Executive Aviation Association), ABAA (Austrian Business Aviation Association) and EBAA Belgium are under consideration.



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EBAA plays a key role in helping to maintain the integrity of business aviation and its campaign against illegal flights is crucial to that. These activities impact the profitability of the industry as well as the credibility of operators and Member States. Thanks to the Association's efforts, Member States have agreed to augment the tools they have at their disposal: ramp checks, White List, defining population at risk, etc. The Association is also working closely with airports and brokers, on behalf of passengers, in the dissemination of information and knowledge sharing.

Each year, EBAA and NBAA jointly host EBACE (European Business Aviation Convention and Exhibition) and in the years since the first show in 2001, the event has become Europe's premier dedicated BusAv event, playing a significant role in facilitating the growth and effectiveness of the business aviation industry in Europe.

The need has never been greater for EBAA to further its efforts to ensure that business aviation's interests in Europe are represented during legislative processes concerning Civil Aviation Transport. To that end, the EBAA's experts will continue to monitor and influence the regulations drafted by the European Institutions.



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